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MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF GREENSBORO, N. C.

SPECIAL MEETING:

30 MAY 2000

Pursuant to a motion made at the 16 May 2000 regular City Council meeting, the City Council of the City of Greensboro met in special session at 5:30 p.m. on the above date in the Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building with the following members present: Mayor Keith A. Holliday, presiding; Council members Claudette Burroughs-White, Sandra G. Carmany, Yvonne J. Johnson, Earl F. Jones, Robert V. Perkins, Tom Phillips, Donald R. Vaughan and Nancy Vaughan. Absent: None. Also present were J. Edward Kitchen, City Manager; Linda Miles, City Attorney; and Susan E. Crotts, Deputy City Clerk. Deputy City Attorney, Terry Wood, entered later in the meeting.

The meeting was opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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The Manager recognized Susan Burris, employee in the Finance Department, who served as courier for the meeting.

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The Mayor outlined the procedures for the conduct of the meeting.

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Jake Froelich, residing at 4111 Mill Square in High Point, NC, requested Council to support a request for \$50,000 to fund the Piedmont Triad Film Commission. He introduced members of the board, discussed the Film Commission's efforts and accomplishments over the past year and spoke to the volume of business resulting from the Commission's projects.

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Foy Flowers, residing at 4703 West Friendly Avenue; Betty Johnston, residing at 1830 D North Elm Street; Anita Heath, residing at 2521 Spring Garden Street; Inez Bell, residing at 1830D North Elm Street; Lonnie Cunningham, residing at 1201 South Eugene Street; Paul Washington, residing at 806 Dillard Street; Phil Gelzer, residing at 2 St. Augustine Square; and Rosalyn Harris, residing at 103 Apt. E Meadowview Lane, requested increased funding for the Greensboro Transit Authority Budget. They spoke to past experiences with the bus system and offered opinions regarding shortfalls in the transit system, the condition of fleet busses and City growth. Stating that some citizens, who were unable to drive or did not own a car, depended on the bus system to get to work, school, church, appointments and personal activities; they requested Council to support an increase in the Greensboro Transit Authority budget so that additional hours and Sunday service could be added to existing schedules.

Greensboro Transit Authority bus drivers Ronnie Goodman, residing at 15 Battlewood Court and Paul Styles, residing at 504 Jonathan Lane; spoke to the needs addressed with regular and SCAT bus services and requested Council to support proposed increases for Greensboro Transit Authority funding.

Joyce Johnson, Director of the Greensboro Transit Authority Board, residing at 2115 Murrayhill Drive, spoke to various aspects of services and ridership provided by the Transit Authority. She requested Council to allocate \$582,000 to the Transit Authority budget to provide increased service and to hire an additional staff person.

Council briefly discussed services, fares and community needs with respect to the proposals for the Greensboro Transit Authority budget.

The City Manager stated that the proposed budget provided for a \$400,000 increase for the Greensboro Transit Authority by increasing the transit property tax by one quarter cent to maintain corresponding property tax and decrease the general fund by one quarter percent.

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Geoffrey King, residing at 321 Willoughby Boulevard; Rusty Lee, residing at 4 Cannonball Court; Dixie Mattox, residing at 4608 Battle Forest Lane; and Jake Mattocks, residing at 4608 Battle Forest Lane; requested funds for new athletic fields at Page High School. They spoke to their opinions regarding the value of sports opportunities and the need for more soccer fields to accommodate increased participation in this sport.

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Chief Deputy City Attorney, Terry Wood, entered the Chamber at 6:15 p.m. City Attorney, Linda Miles, left the Chamber at 6:20 p.m.

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Beth McKee-Huger, residing at 408 Woodlawn, thanked Council for their support of affordable housing programs including Previously Homeless, Housing Hotline and More Than Just A Mortgage. She spoke to the community needs these programs served.

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Kenneth Whitmire, residing at 3205 Alder Way, Executive Director of Special Children's Care, requested Council to consider funding this agency.

Garvin Williams, Program Manager at Special Children's Care, spoke to the agency's programs and their request to the Community Resource Board for funding in the upcoming budget.

Andy Scott, Director of Housing and Community Development, stated that the agency's original request had not been approved by the Community Resource Board.

Council briefly discussed other funding options for the types of services provided by the agency.

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Jennifer Brevorka, residing at 25 Rosebay Lane; Stephanie Aughenbuagh, residing at 3 Stevendale Court; Susan Tysinger, residing at 801 Blanton Place; Patrick Mooney, residing at 4014 Watauga Drive; Connie Hilliard, residing at 1220 Grayland; Leonardo Pinnix, residing at 1 Baytree Court; and Aquila Pinnix, residing at 1 Baytree Court; spoke in favor of funding for a natatorium in downtown Greensboro. They shared their opinions with respect to personal and community interests that would be served by a natatorium.

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Ruth Rideout, residing at 5731 H Bramblegate Road, expressed appreciation to Council for their consideration of Faith Matters funding request to provide services to poor women and children. She cited lack of transportation, job skills and child care as the most pressing needs and spoke to the agency's status as a non-profit organization.

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Grace Thomas, residing at 3208 Morning Dew Road, requested Council to consider providing a \$5,000 grant to the Guilford County Foster Parents Association. She spoke to the services provided by the association.

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Ellen Whitlock, Executive Director of United Services for Older Adults with offices located at 310 East Washington Street, requested Council to reconsider the \$6,000 budget cut the Community Resource Board had recommended for the proposed budget. She spoke to services provided by the agency and the anticipated impact of the proposed budget cut.

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Shirley Foster, Executive Director of Greensboro Life Skill Center with offices located at 620 South Elm Street, spoke to services her agency provided to the community and requested continued funding from Council.

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David Craft , residing at 531 Woodlawn Drive, compared tax rates paid by City and County residents and requested Council to look at ways to save money and cut City taxes. He suggested cutting specific programs that were available to non-City residents.

Council briefly discussed the economic aspects of maintaining certain programs with respect to the money spent in the City by non-City residents.

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Mike Coleman, residing at 1019 Warehouse Street, expressed his opinions with respect to the work of Channel 13. He requested Council to appropriate \$30,000 for independent film making to create 100 supplemental programs per year.

Council briefly discussed the request.

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Councilmember Jones moved to close the public hearing. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Carmany and unanimously adopted by voice vote of the Council.

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Councilmember Johnson moved that the City Council adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burroughs-White and adopted unanimously by voice vote of the Council.

THE CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:33 P.M.

SUSAN E. CROTTS
DEPUTY CITY CLERK

KEITH A. HOLLIDAY
MAYOR
